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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
KAISHI OHASHI, ET AL.	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
2002-142472	Japan	May 17, 2002
60-174078	Japan	September 7, 1985

### REMARKS

The JP '472 reference is cited at page 1 of the specification and the JP '078 reference is cited at page 2 of the specification; these references are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from a commercial data base also is provided as an English language statement of relevance for each document.

### FEE STATEMENT

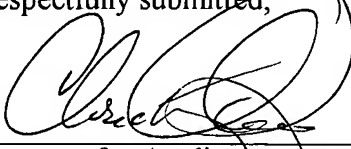
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>6,559,574 B2</b>	<b>5/6/2003</b>	<b>Maruyama</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>323.02</b>	

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		<b>2002-142472</b>	<b>5/17/2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
		<b>60-174078</b>	<b>9/7/1985</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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